

The Sinai Mission

SOLDIERS from the Oregon Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry Regiment, recently returned home after being deployed in the Sinai as part of the Multinational Force and Observers. Created after the historic 1979 Camp David Peace Accords, the MFO is tasked to "observe and report" any violations of the treaty by either Israel or Egypt in the region of the Sinai Peninsula. SSG Rebekahmae N. Bruns, a photo-journalist assigned to the unit, visually captured some moments the soldiers encountered during their deployment.



(Above) SPC John Bohlert moves away from the wire obstacle during the MFO Force Skills Competition 2002.

(Right) SGT George Gordon and SPC Tony Standifer, both medics with 1st Bn., 186th Inf., help carry a patient through a simulated NBC obstacle during the unit's Expert Field Medical Badge test.





SPC Tom Reynolds checks for possible treaty violations from an observation post overlooking the Gulf of Aqaba near the Egypt-Israel border.



SPC Tony Standifer covers a patient while under simulated fire during the EFMB test.



Two painted rocks positioned just inside Check Point 3-D remind the soldiers why they're serving in Sinai.